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April 25, 2023

Honorable Ronnie Abrams  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
N.Y., N.Y. 10007

Re: U.S. v. Saddam Mohamed Raishani  
17 Cr. 421

Dear Judge Abrams:

Please find enclosed a letter from my client, and the Staff Chaplain of F.C.I. Fairton filed in support of Mr. Raishani's motion for a sentence reduction. He appears to be making great strides toward rehabilitation and has taken numerous educational courses. I am also attaching B.O.P. certificates and documents demonstrating my client's steady progress and low risk of recidivism.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter

Respectfully yours,

/S/

John Burke  
718-875-3707

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Attorney for Saddam Mohamed Raishani

## **EXHIBITS**

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Saddam Raishani #76012-054

April 8, 2023

FCI Fairton

P.O. Box 420

Fairton, NJ 08320

IN RE: Update for Supplementing the Record

Respectfully, I, Saddam Raishani present herein, newly completed programs and progress report. My endeavors towards rehabilitation continues to be consistent and I have shown tremendous progress with my individual needs, including faith-based areas.

The newly presented programs include:

Faith-based Programs

(i) Embracing Interfaith Cooperation;

\*(I have become a mentor for other inmates.

Attached hereto please find Chaplain Oliver's detailed letter of support regarding my progress, program participation, mentorship, and ultimately therein, Chaplain Oliver respectfully pleads for my release.)

(ii) Threshold.

Vocational Training - NCCER Certification

(i) Plumbing Level One (240 hours)

(ii) Currently in the process of completing Carpentry Level One (235 hours)

Educational-based Programs

(i) Masonry Class (16 hours)

(ii) Introduction to Electricity Class (16 hours)

(Mr. Raishani is in the process of completing the Electricity 102 Class (16 hours))

Also, please find the most recent progress report with the added

statement from the Case Manager, which states in pertinent part:

"Inmate Raishani has completed several Nursing related courses such as; Articular System, Endocrine System, Nervous System, and Cardiovascular System. During his most recent time inmate Raishani has completed Plumbing/Electrical/Masonry courses to help him reintegrate back into society."

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Saddam M. Raishani

#76012-054



U.S. Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Prisons  
Federal Correctional Institution  
Fairton, New Jersey 08320

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April 7, 2023

**MEMORANDUM FOR L. McINTOSH, CASE MANAGER**

**FROM:** J. Oliver, Staff Chaplain  
**SUBJECT:** Saddam Raishani, Reg# 76012-054

Dear Sir / Ma'am:

I write to whole-heartedly recommend that you respectfully consider Mr. Raishani's request for compassionate release and/or reduction of sentence. I am a Chaplain in the Federal Bureau of Prisons. This memorandum recognizes a remarkable transformation in Mr. Raishani. I have been his Chaplain for six years here at FCI Fairton, since June 2017. During this time, he has demonstrated increasing levels of responsibility, accountability, and dedication to his faith and family.

It is my hope that he will soon be reunited with his family: Rawdha, his wife (31), Khalid his son (7), Muhammad, his father (82), and Mahlyah, his mother (78).

To that end, Mr. Raishani continues to shape his character and behavior through programming that focuses on shared values as a basis for interfaith cooperation in the community. He understands and adopts a key concept of our training sessions, what interfaith leader Eboo Patel calls the essential element of the American founder's dream, which is that "people of diverse background have established themselves here in equal dignity and mutual loyalty – that is, religious pluralism."<sup>1</sup>

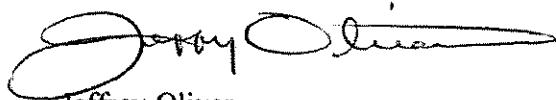
I mentioned in a memorandum dated July 20, 2022, that Mr. Raishani eagerly enrolled in two First Step Act courses which address issues that lower the risk of recidivism. He has since completed both courses, *Embracing Interfaith Cooperation*<sup>2</sup> and *Threshold*.<sup>3</sup> These programs address specific areas of need where Mr. Raishani has succeeded to lower his risk of recidivism.

Allow me to highlight the positive impact that he experienced because of the shorter course, *Embracing Interfaith Cooperation*. This is a five-session course with video and live, peer-to-peer discussions among individuals who come from several major faith traditions: an American Evangelical Christian, an American born Muslim man and woman of first generation Muslim immigrants, Canadian and American Anglican Christians, a young American Jewish woman, and young man –also American– born into Jainism. These diverse vignettes are mirrored in our classroom peer-to-peer discussions.

Mr. Raishani approached me after the course to learn more about being an interfaith leader, both among fellow inmates and at home with his Rawdha, his wife, and Khalid, his son, and eventually the people in his local community of Brooklyn. To this end Mr. Raishani read two books that I recommended from Eboo Patel, the same author of the course. The first book entitled, *Acts of Faith* published in 2007, chronicles the autobiographical journey of Mr. Patel himself, who is founder and director of Interfaith Youth Core, a Chicago-based international non-profit building the interfaith cooperation movement. The second book by Patel is *Interfaith Leadership*, a practical guide to interfaith leadership, focused on practical avenues of working together, not merely dialogue, the latter of which tends toward religious narcissism. The desire to build, cooperate, and care for others is what inspires Mr. Raishani today to seek points of connection and commonality in neighborhoods, schools, even hospitals, where he hopes also to continue his career as a Registered Nurse and support his young family as a productive citizen in the community. Please refer to Saddam Raishani's letter to Chaplain Oliver, attached.

In summary, I have observed a remarkable transformation in Saddam Raishani's life that I believe to be the result of a sincere desire to make a difference in the world, starting with his family, and extending to his work and community. Again, I whole-heartedly recommend that you respectfully consider Mr. Raishani's request for compassionate release and reduction of sentence.

Respectfully,



Jeffrey Oliver  
Chaplain, Bureau of Prisons  
Chaplain, Colonel, (Ret.), USAR

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<sup>1</sup> *Embracing Interfaith Cooperation*, by Eboo Patel, Morehouse Education Resources, 2012.

<sup>2</sup> *Embracing Interfaith Cooperation* is a First Step Act, Productive Activity that fosters interfaith dialogue, discussion, and understanding. Interfaith engagement has been shown as an effective strategy to counter discrimination and religious extremism as well. The course builds on freedom of religion as a core ideal of the American dream. It embraces differences in religion to break down stereotypes and barriers for communities to better serve together toward the common good.

<sup>3</sup> *Threshold* is a First Step Act, faith-based reentry program that helps strengthens key dimensions in life: spirituality, personal relationships, accepting personal responsibility, decision-making, healthy boundaries, mental-emotional-physical wellness, and continued educational growth.

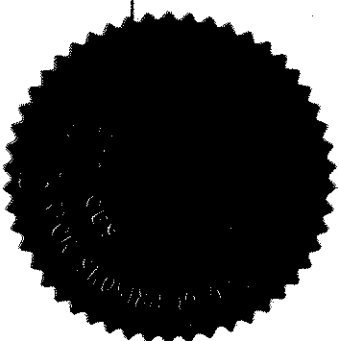
# Achievement Certificate

This Acknowledges That

Saddam M. Raishani

is recognized for

Embracing Interfaith Cooperation - 10 Hours



CERTIFICATE OF PROGRAM COMPLETION

AWARDED : SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

J. Oliver, Staff Chaplain

FCI Fairton  
Reaching, Reconciling, Restoring

T. Sastie, Supervisory Chaplain



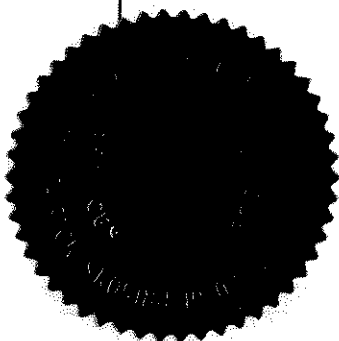
# Achievement Certificate

This Acknowledges That

Saddam M. Raishani

is an Interfaith Leader by his participation in the course

Embracing Interfaith Cooperation - 10 Hours



CERTIFICATE OF PROGRAM COMPLETION

AWARDED : NOVEMBER 17, 2022

J. Oliver, Staff Chaplain

FCI Fairton  
A First Step Act, Productive Activity

T. Sastlic, Supervisory Chaplain

# NCCER

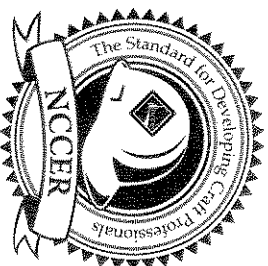
Board of Trustees confers upon

*Saddam Raishani*

this certificate of completion for

*Plumbing Level One*

in the Standardized Craft Training Program  
on this Fourteenth day of October, in the year 2022



Boyd D. Worsham  
President & CEO, NCCER



**F.C.I. FAIRTON**

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

*Saddam Raishani*

has successfully completed the requirements for:

**Masonry**

Certificate of Completion

October, 2022

16

Hours Completed

S. Greenshields  
ACE Coordinator



**F.C.I. FAIRTON**

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

*Saddam Raishani*

has successfully completed the requirements for:

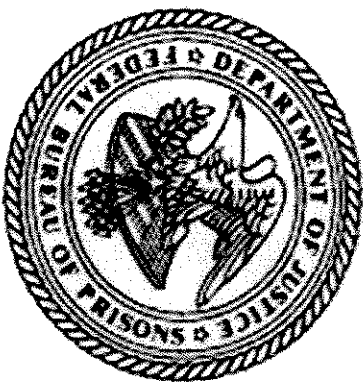
**Introduction to Electricity**

Certificate of Completion

July, 2022



S. Greenshields  
ACE Coordinator



16

Hours Completed

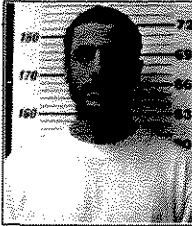


## Summary Reentry Plan - Progress Report

Dept. of Justice / Federal Bureau of Prisons  
Plan is for inmate: RAISHANI, SADDAM MOHAMED 76012-054

SEQUENCE: 00369747

Report Date: 04-08-2023



Facility: FAI FAIRTON FCI  
Name: RAISHANI, SADDAM  
Register No.: 76012-054  
Quarters: C03-327L  
Age: 36  
Date of Birth: 09-07-1986

Custody Level: IN  
Security Level: MEDIUM  
Proj. Rel Date: 07-07-2034  
Release Method: GOOD  
DNA Status: NYM05547 / 07-07-2017

### Offenses and Sentences Imposed

Charge	Terms In Effect
18:2339B ATTEMPTING TO PROVIDE MATERIAL SUPPORT OR RESOURCES TO A FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION (CT-1) 18:371 CONSPIRING TO PROVIDE MATERIAL SUPPORT OR RESOURCES TO FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION (CT-2)	20 YEARS

Date Sentence Computation Began: 04-02-2019

Sentencing District: NEW YORK, SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Days FSGT / WSGT / DGCT	Days GCT or EGT / SGT	Time Served	+ Jail Credit - InOp Time
0 / 0 / 0	270	Years: 5 Months: 9 Days: 16	+ 650 JC -0 InOp

### Detainers

Detaining Agency	Remarks
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NO DETAINER

### Program Plans

Inmate Raishani arrived at FCI Fairton, New Jersey, on April 30, 2019. His projected release date is July 7, 2034, via Good Conduct Time Release. Inmate Raishani has maintained an appropriate relationship with staff and is not considered a management problem. Overall, his adjustment at FCI Fairton, New Jersey, has been good.

### Current FSA Assignments

Assignment	Description	Start
FTC INELIG	FTC-INELIGIBLE-REVIEWED	11-08-2019
INELIG AUT	FTC-INELIGIBLE OFF CODE - AUTO	12-17-2019
N-ANGER N	NEED - ANGER/HOSTILITY NO	02-17-2023
N-ANTISO N	NEED - ANTISOCIAL PEERS NO	02-17-2023
N-COGN TV N	NEED - COGNITIONS NO	02-17-2023
N-DYSLEX N	NEED - DYSLEXIA NO	05-29-2021
N-EDUC N	NEED - EDUCATION NO	02-17-2023
N-FIN PV N	NEED - FINANCE/POVERTY NO	02-17-2023
N-FM/PAR N	NEED - FAMILY/PARENTING NO	02-17-2023
N-M HLTH N	NEED - MENTAL HEALTH NO	02-17-2023
N-MEDICL N	NEED - MEDICAL NO	02-17-2023
N-RLF N	NEED - REC/LEISURE/FITNESS NO	02-17-2023
N-SUB AB N	NEED - SUBSTANCE ABUSE NO	02-17-2023
N-TRAUMA Y	NEED - TRAUMA YES	02-17-2023
N-WORK N	NEED - WORK NO	02-17-2023
R-LW	LOW RISK RECIDIVISM LEVEL	02-17-2023

### FSA Comments

Inmate is currently ineligible for the First Step Act and has a Low Risk of Recidivism (PATTERN).

### Current Work Assignments

Fac	Assignment	Description	Start
FAI	C ORD R-AM	UNIT C RIGHT ORDERLY/AM	02-27-2023



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### Work Assignment Summary

\*\* No notes entered \*\*

### Current Education Information

FacI	Assignment	Description	Start
FAI	ESL HAS	ENGLISH PROFICIENT	05-01-2014
FAI	GED HAS	COMPLETED GED OR HS DIPLOMA	12-06-2017

### Education Courses

SubFacI	Action	Description	Start	Stop
FAI		NCCER CARPENTRY LEVEL 1	01-12-2023	CURRENT
FAI	C	INTRO TO MASONRY	08-30-2022	10-18-2022
FAI	C	THE CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM	07-29-2022	08-12-2022
FAI	C	THE ARTICULAR SYSTEM	07-29-2022	08-12-2022
FAI	C	THE ENDOCRINE SYSTEM	07-29-2022	08-12-2022
FAI	C	THE NERVOUS SYSTEM	07-29-2022	08-12-2022
FAI	C	NCCER PLUMBING LEVEL 1	01-26-2022	09-19-2022
FAI	C	BEGINNER'S YOGA	07-15-2022	07-29-2022
FAI	C	STRESS MANAGEMENT	07-29-2022	07-29-2022
FAI	C	THE HUMAN BODY	07-15-2022	07-29-2022
FAI	C	STRETCHING	07-15-2022	07-29-2022
FAI	C	EXERCISE AND MENTAL HEALTH	07-15-2022	07-29-2022
FAI	C	INTRO TO ELECTRICITY	05-23-2022	07-18-2022
FAI	C	FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	03-07-2022	05-02-2022
FAI	C	EAT TO WIN	03-26-2022	04-16-2022
FAI	C	ATHLETES & EFFICIENT HEARTS	02-26-2022	03-19-2022
FAI	W	STRETCHING	08-31-2021	09-27-2021
FAI	C	PREVENT CARDIOVASCULAR	08-01-2021	08-30-2021
FAI	C	NUTRITION FOR WELLNESS	04-26-2021	06-07-2021
FAI	C	PHYSICAL FITNESS	03-05-2021	05-12-2021
FAI	C	MUSCULAR FLEXIBILITY	03-29-2021	05-03-2021
FAI	C	WEIGHT MANAGEMENT SELF-PACED	02-16-2021	03-13-2021
FAI	C	CARDIO ENDURANCE SELF-PACED	12-29-2020	01-21-2021
FAI	C	NUMBERS & OPERATIONS ACE	07-08-2020	07-15-2020
FAI	C	NCCER CORE CURRICULUM B	07-26-2019	01-17-2020
FAI	C	BEGINNING LEATHER	10-04-2019	11-22-2019
FAI	C	INSIDE OUT DAD - PARENTING	06-03-2019	07-15-2019

### Education Information Summary

Since his arrival at FCI Fairton and before, inmate Raishani has programmed constantly and this record can be seen above. He has taken several courses that can be used to further himself once released back into the community. These programs include, Money Smart, Tutor Training, Companion Training, Parenting, etc. Inmate Raishani has even taken classes more recently that will help in the pursuit of a nursing career since he is a registered Nurse in New York State. Inmate Raishani has completed several Nursing related courses such as; Articular System, Endocrine System, Nervous System, and Cardiovascular System. During his most recent time inmate Raishani has completed Plumbing/electrical/masonry course to help him reintegrate back into society.

### Discipline Reports

Hearing Date	Prohibited Acts
07-20-2018	397 : PHONE ABUSE - NO CIRCUMVENTION

### Discipline Summary

Inmate Raishani has only received one moderate level incident report over 4 years ago for phone abuse-no circumvention.

### ARS Assignments

FacI	Assignment	Reason	Start	Stop
FAI	A-DES	OTHER AUTH ABSENCE RETURN	02-27-2023	CURRENT



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Fac	Assignment	Reason	Start	Stop
FAI	A-DES	US DISTRICT COURT COMMITMENT	04-30-2019	02-27-2023

### Current Care Assignments

Assignment	Description	Start
CARE1	HEALTHY OR SIMPLE CHRONIC CARE	04-30-2019
CARE1-MH	CARE1-MENTAL HEALTH	12-21-2017

### Current Medical Duty Status Assignments

Assignment	Description	Start
MED HOLD	MEDICAL HOLD - DO NOT TRANSFER	03-14-2023
NO PAPER	NO PAPER MEDICAL RECORD	04-30-2019
REG DUTY	NO MEDICAL RESTR--REGULAR DUTY	07-05-2017
YES F/S	CLEARED FOR FOOD SERVICE	07-05-2017

### Current PTP Assignments

Assignment	Description	Start
RSW COMP	RESOLVE WORKSHOP COMPLETED	07-08-2022

### Current Drug Assignments

Assignment	Description	Start
ED NONE	DRUG EDUCATION NONE	05-23-2019
NR COMP	NRES DRUG TMT/COMPLETE	02-11-2019

### Physical and Mental Health Summary

\*\* No notes entered \*\*

### FRP Payment Plan

#### Most Recent Payment Plan

FRP Assignment: COMPLT FINANC RESP-COMPLETED Start: 01-26-2020

Inmate Decision: AGREED \$200.00 Frequency: QUARTERLY

Payments past 6 months: \$0.00 Obligation Balance: \$0.00

#### Financial Obligations

No.	Type	Amount	Balance	Payable	Status
1	ASSMT	\$200.00	\$0.00	IMMEDIATE	COMPLETEDZ

\*\* NO ADJUSTMENTS MADE IN LAST 6 MONTHS \*\*

### Financial Responsibility Summary

\*\* No notes entered \*\*

### Release Planning

Inmate Raishani proposes the following release plan:

Raishani, Mohammed  
FATHER  
1948 Gleason Ave.  
Bronx, NY 10472  
phone (home): 718-597-8407

### General Comments

Inmate Raishani has shown clear institutional conduct for over 4 years now and has continued to program and try to better himself throughout his incarceration. Inmate Raishani has shown great institutional adjustment and is respectful to all staff he encounters. Inmate Raishani has spoken about taking responsibility for his past actions and has proven that through the many programs he takes. Inmate Raishani is encouraged to continue this behavior and maintain clear conduct and good cell sanitation throughout the rest of his incarceration.



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Inmate (RAISHANI, SADDAM MOHAMED, Register Num: 76012-054)

4/8/2023  
Date

  
Chairperson

4/8/2023  
Date

  
Case Manager

4/8/2023  
Date